

Temple Shalom
The Conservative Congregation of Newport County



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your inquiring about Temple Shalom.

Temple Shalom is a welcoming community and we hope that you will look through the enclosed material and call on us with any questions and for further information.

We are an embracing, supportive, vibrant community that is committed to observing Conservative Judaism in a contemporary and progressive tradition. The congregation is devoted to the continuation of Jewish values, education, and culture.

The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School, on-going adult education, and study groups provide opportunities for the involvement and education of all our congregants. Holiday celebrations and social activities are a vital part of our Temple.

Temple Shalom honors the diversity of its members. We are dedicated to the spiritual, intellectual, and religious growth of our approximately 110 households. Our clergy and congregants are active, respected, and involved in the general community on a local and statewide basis.

We hope you will find Temple Shalom an exciting and vibrant temple worthy of your affiliation. We look forward to meeting with you personally, to getting to know you, and to welcoming you to our community.

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Alvin Marcovici
President

Our Mission Statement

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Welcome to Our Temple

We offer –

- ✓ Egalitarian Services
- ✓ Religious School
- ✓ Continuing Adult Education
- ✓ Youth and Teen Programs
- ✓ Family Functions

Interfaith Families Welcome

Something for Every Member of the Family at Temple Shalom

Religious Services:

- Shabbat:
 - Friday nights usually at 7:30. Check the website and/or The Conservator for any changes.
 - Family Services the first and third Fridays of the month at 7:30
 - One Saturday morning per month at 10:00 (See Conservator for schedule)
- Bar and Bat Mitzvah services
- Holidays and festivals
- Hosts and participates in the annual Newport County Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School: a full and varied curriculum for children ages 4 to 17

Adult Education:

- Topics of Jewish interest from Adam to Zion
- Bagels and the Bible: monthly lay-directed Torah study; meets Sunday mornings.
- Women of the Book: a book club for women; meets Sunday mornings. See *The Conservator* and/or the Website for the schedule meetings.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization: a national co-ed organization for teens

Community Service Projects

Social Events:

Shabbat dinners, Chanukah and Purim parties and game nights are some examples of events happening throughout the year.

Film Festival: View a film followed by discussion (Saturday evenings)

Shalom Music Series

A Place That Welcomes Your Ideas

All members of Temple Shalom are encouraged to participate in the development of our Temple programs. We invite you to join a committee or be on the Board of Directors and insure that your interests are addressed.

- The Board of Directors is elected by the membership and assists the Rabbi and Cantor with all aspects of Temple life, reporting to the congregation at twice yearly meetings.
- The Ritual Committee plans all holiday and Shabbat services, assigns aliyot for the High Holy Days, and assists the Rabbi and Cantor in determining the character of services.
- The Adult Education Committee plans varied educational programs of interest to both Temple members and members of the Newport County Jewish Community at large.
- The Fundraising Committee is charged with raising money to help pay the Temple's bills.
- Caring Committee members make hospital and nursing home visits, do community service on behalf of the Temple, contact members when they are ill or have been blessed with a Simcha, and insure a minyan is present when a Temple member is sitting Shiva.
- The Housing Committee is responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, repair, and use of the Temple building, grounds, and gardens.
- Membership Committee members encourage families new to the community to become members of the congregation, then review new member applications and present them to the Board.
- The Oneg Shabbat Committee organizes the food for Oneg Shabbats, Break the Fast, and other special services.

About Our Rabbi



Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer

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Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, a native of Providence, is currently beginning his 30th year as the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom and is also the principal of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School. In addition to serving the congregation, he teaches in the Department of Languages at the University of Rhode Island and in the Department of Religious Studies at Salve Regina University. He is also the Jewish Chaplain for both Johnson & Wales and Roger Williams universities.

Currently the President of the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association and Interfaith Rhode Island and chairman of the interfaith committee of the National Conference for Community and Justice, Rabbi Jagolinzer serves as a member of the Child Protection Advisory Board of the Diocese of Providence. He also writes a religion column for The Newport Daily News.

Rabbi Jagolinzer is a past President of The Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, past Chair of the Principals Council and a former board member of The Bureau of Jewish Education of Rhode Island. He is also a past Secretary of the Newport Hospital Board of Trustees and a past Chair of the Hospital's Ethics Committee, of which he is still an active member. He is immediate Past President of The Chaplaincy Center. For many years, he was the Chaplain for the Middletown Police Department.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was the first rabbi to preach from the high pulpit in Trinity Episcopal Church in its 266-year history.

Numerous awards have been presented to Rabbi Jagolinzer from groups including the NAACP, the United States Navy, the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island.

Rabbi Jagolinzer, the father of three children, lives with his wife Barbara in Portsmouth, RI.

About Our Cantor



Dr. Fredric S. Scheff
Cantor

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Fred Scheff joined Temple Shalom in 1995 as the Cantor and has led the congregation in music, both singing and teaching, since then. In his role as Cantor, Fred enjoys exposing the congregation to a variety of Jewish music, both ancient and modern, and strives to do so at every opportunity.

Fred's Cantorial experience extends back to 1970. He has filled the role of Cantor, both full and part-time, at Temple Habonim in Barrington, Lawrence Jewish Community Center in Lawrence, Kansas, and Temple Beth David in Narragansett. While a student at Rhode Island College he sang in the choirs of Temple Sinai and Temple Emanuel. In addition to his Cantorial studies, Fred earned a Masters in Music and a Doctorate in Music Arts (DMA) at Kansas University. He received his Bachelors of Music at Rhode Island College.

Fred's passion for singing and music extends beyond the Temple and Cantorial arena. He performs regularly in and around New England and nationally, at last count, completing hundreds of performances of concerts, operas, oratorio, and musicals. He has toured nationally in Lloyd Webber's *Phantom of the Opera*. Locally he has appeared with such organizations as Trinity Repertory Company, Theater by the Sea, Rhode Island Civic Chorale and Orchestra, New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, South County Chamber Singers and the Swanhurst Chorale.

Fred's passion for music has led him to teaching. He serves as an Adjunct Faculty member at both Rhode Island College and the University of Connecticut. Fred has an active private studio at home. In the past he has taught at Roger Williams University, The Wheeler School and the Music School of the RI Philharmonic Orchestra. He has also begun working as a stage director.

He is proud to continue his service to his people this year marking the fortieth year serving on the *bimah*, the altar, in the Synagogue. He daily gives thanks to his teachers, mentors and colleagues who continually make his work one of joy. Above all he thanks G-d for the gifts that allow him to serve. He is most proud of his family, large and small, for their successes and their love.

The Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School

The mission of the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School is to enrich its students by giving them an exposure to Jewish history and culture, knowledge of the religious aspects of Judaism, an opportunity to meet other Jewish children, and pride in being Jewish.

The school offers three levels of classes. There is a Sunday morning program for children ages 5 to 7. Children 8 and older attend classes Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. The school also offers a post Bar/Bat Mitzvah class which meets twice a month on Sunday mornings.

The school engages in continuous quality improvement in its quest to accomplish its goals. All of the teachers are committed to nurturing each child's relationship with his/her Jewish heritage. Parental involvement in the children's education is strongly encouraged.

Membership, Dues and High Holy Days Seating

Dues at Temple Shalom are determined by membership category. Seating for the High Holy Days is included in membership. Religious school tuition is not included in Temple dues; it is paid directly to the Samuel Zilman Bazarsky Religious School.

Membership Categories

Dues

Family _____ Please call Mickie MacNeill at 401-253-7268

Single _____ Please call Mickie MacNeill at 401-253-7268

Enlisted military personnel _____ No charge

Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Dues are pro-rated for members joining after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Temple Shalom is committed to Jewish continuity and to providing a haven for every Jew who wishes to belong to a Temple. If our dues pose a problem, please contact Mickie MacNeill, Membership Chair, at 401-253-7268 to work out an appropriate arrangement.

High Holy Days Seating and Guest Tickets

The dues schedule noted above includes tickets for all High Holy Days services. High Holy Days guest tickets are available for purchase by attending a Temple Shalom Open House held prior to the start of the holidays or by calling Mickie MacNeill at 401-253-7268.

**TEMPLE SHALOM
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Family Information

Name _____

Street address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Billing address, if different _____

Home telephone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address _____

Fax number _____

Marital status: Married (date: / /)

Single Widowed Divorced Separated

Adult Member One

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Religious tradition in which you were raised:

Conservative Orthodox Reform Secular Jew Jew by choice Non-Jew

Adult Member Two

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Religious tradition in which you were raised:

Conservative Orthodox Reform Secular Jew Jew by choice Non-Jew

Children

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Full name _____

Date of birth _____

Please call Mickie MacNeill at 401-253-7268 for more information about membership and dues categories, For religious school information and fees, please call Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer, Educational Director at 401-846-9002.

I/we wish to join Temple Shalom. Please contact us.

Membership category:

Family membership Single membership

Check is enclosed. Please send a bill.

Signature/Date _____

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Send completed application to:
MEMBERSHIP
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